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# DATA ON LOCATION AND TRAFFIC OF SOVIET VESSELS, SHIP LAUNCHINGS, 22 - 31 OCTOBER 1953

SHIPS MAKE FINAL TRIPS IN MOSCOW AREA -- Moscow, Moskovskaya Pravda, 28 Oct 53

The M/V Khlebnikovo has been operating as a floating store throughout the area served by the Moscow-Volga Steamship Line. During the 1953 navigation season, river workers bought almost one million rubles' worth of goods from the

On 26 October, the ship began its last trip of the year, carrying on board almost a quarter of a million rubles in merchandise.

Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 29 Oct 53

The passenger station at Mcscow's North River Port is deserted. Traffic on all transit passenger lines has ceased, and the Moscow-Rostov and Moscow-Astrakhan' lines have halted operations for the year. The S/S N. V. Gogol was the last ship of the year to arrive from Molotov.

On all 56 lines of the Moscow-Volga Steamship Line, over 8 million passengers were carried during 1953, an increase of 600,000 over 1952.

Local lines will continue to operate in many places on the Moscow River, the Volga River. the Moscow Canal, and the Rybinsk Reservoir until complete

FREIGHT, PASSENGER SERVICE IN CASPIAN SEA AREA -- Ashkhabad, Turkmenskaya Iskra,

The first section of the Krasnovodsk Seaport is having great success in loading and unloading vessels with considerable speed; on 20 October alone, three ships were loaded and unloaded there.

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The M/V Mikoyan with timber from Astrakhan' was unloaded 7 hours ahead of schedule, and the barge Buguruslan with trucks from Baku was unloaded 4 hours ahead of schedule. The M/V 30 let VLKSM with timber was unloaded 6 hours ahead of schedule and was immediately reloaded with cotton.

Now long ago, the S/S Amu-Dar'ya with grain from Makhach-Kala and the M/V Azizbekov with industrial equipment were processed in  $7\frac{1}{2}$  hours.

Ashkhabad, Turkmenskaya Iskra, 27 Oct 53

The finest express bassenger vessel on the Caspian Sea, the M/V Turkmenistan, has returned to service between Baku and Krasnovodsk after a long absence.

The ship has already transported over 1,000 workers and delivered hundreds of tons of fr ::t and vegetables to the oil workers of Turkmenistan.

Alma-Ata, Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, 22 Oct 53

The S/S Udarnik has completed 14 voyages with the Ural Steamship Line during the 1953 navigation season. The ship delivered 1,000 tons of freight on the

SHIPMENTS OF CONSUMER GOODS, OTHER FREIGHT ON NORTHWESTERN RIVERS -- Vil'nyas,

During the 1953 navigation season, the Neman Steamship Line made extensive use of the pushing method of parge propulsion. The M/V Michurin, M/V Tolbukhin, M/V Chernyakhovskiy, Self-Propelled Barge No 202, and other ships completed 40 trips by this method, carrying over 9,000 tons of freight for the national

Vil'nyus, Sovetskaya Litva, 25 Oct 53

The Neman River fleet is delivering large quantities of freight to Kaliningradskaya Oblast from various cities in Lithuania. The M/V Dzhyugas sailed recently from Klaypeda with eight barges in tow loaded with potatoes. Potatoes were also delivered from Seredzhyus to Baltiysk by the M/V Amur. The M/V Michurin has delivered a tow of wood to Sovetsk for use by the industrial enterprises of Kaliningradskaya Oblast.

Vil'nyus, Sovetskaya Litva, 31 Oct 53

During October, ships of the Neman Steamship Line transported more than 1,100 tons of vegetables, 3,000 tons of fish, and 4,000 tons of mineral fertilizer and construction materials.

The M/V Dzhugas /Dzhyugas?7, the M/V Amur (Captain Pazikas), the M/V Kama (Captain Bunza), and Barge No 205 have all taken part in this shipment of consumer goods.

Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 22 Oct 53

The Moscow-Leningrad express freight line has been operating successfully for 6 years. At present, the 12 vessels operating on the line sail along six rivers, three lakes, four canals, and the Rybinsk Reservoir -- a total distance of 1,500 kilometers.

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Early yesterday the M/V Pechora sailed for Leningrad from Moscow's North River Port in the last voyage of the year on the line. The ship carried textiles, shoes, industrial machinery, and other freight.

Leningradskara Pravda, 29 Oct 53

The S/S Ladoga has been dispatched along the Neva River and Ladoga Canal System from Smol'yy River Station carrying holiday merchandise for stores in Leningradskaya Oblast. The cargo included a large assortment of confectionery products, canned goods, and all types of wine.

Other ships are also delivering large quantities of consumer goods in Leningradskaya Oblast. Clothes, shoes, knitted fabric, perfume, and food products (candy; sausage, cheese, herring, and liqueurs) were delivered to Voznesen'ye, Sviritse, Podporozh'ye, Novaya Ladoga, Kronshtadt, and other cities and villages.

The M/V Sovet, S/S Uritskiy, S/S Volodarskiy, S/S Ladoga, and other ships have all been engaged in the transport of holiday merchandise.

Leningradskaya Pravda, 27 Oct 53

The Northwestern Steamship Line has completed its 1953 shipping plan. During the 1953 navigation season, several hundred thousand tons more freight were carried than in 1952. There was a considerable increase in shipments of consumer goods, particularly to the Karelo-Finnish SSR, Leningradskaya Oblast, and Novgorodskaya Oblast. The shipment of vegetables from the Volga River to Leningrad also increased.

SHIP RETURNS FROM FAR EAST -- Moscow, Pravda, 22 Oct 53

The  $S\slash\!S$  Volkhovstroy has recently returned to Vladivostok from a voyage to Shanghai.

NORTHERN MARITIME SHIPPING -- Moscow, Pravda, 27 Oct 53

The Dmitriy Furmanov is operating on the Murmansk-Umba and Murmansk-Kem' lines. The ship has delivered 6,350 tons of timber to Murmansk above the 1953 plan.

The sea ports at Arkhangel'sk, Onega, and Mezen' have all completed their yearly plans.

NEW VESSELS LAUNCHED AND UNDER CONSTRUCTION -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 27 Oct 53

The new passenger vessel M/V Zarya sailed today from the piers of the Moscow Shipbuilding and Ship Repair Yard. The ship will sail to Rostov-na-Donu.

The M/V Zarya is the third passenger vessel of her type built at the yards in Moscow this year. The M/V Rassvet and the M/V Voskhod were launched earlier and saw service on the Volga-Don Steamship Line during the 1953 navigation season.

The Zarya is powered by  $\sqrt{\text{two}}/300$ -horsepower engines and has accommodations for 257 passengers.

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Kiev, Pravda Ukrainy, 31 Oct 53

The passenger ship  $\ensuremath{\mathrm{S}/\mathrm{S}}$  Radishchev has sailed from Kiev for Kherson on her maiden voyage.

The ship was built at the Leninskaya Kuznitsa Shipyard in Kiev.

Moscow, Pravda, 29 Oct 53

The Krasnoyarsk Shipbuilding Yard is currently producing cutters for navigation on small rivers. These cutters are of the new jet design and therefore have no screw or rudder projecting from the bottom.

Three of these cutters have been launched recently, and three more are due at the end of the month.

SOVIET COTTON SHIPPING PLAN FULFILLED -- Moscow, Trud, 29 Oct 53

The Soviet river fleet has successfully completed the 1953 plan for cotton transport.

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